

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification:

Please amend paragraph 20 of the specification as follows:

Once a front end application is quiesced, the middleware checks to see if the shutoff time has expired. If the shut off time has expired the front end is unquiesced. Figure 3 generally shows this procedure according to one embodiment. The front end receives a request (act **310**) from a client. The middleware then checks to see if the shutoff time has expired (act **320**). If the shut off ~~stuff~~ time has not expired, then the front end application remains quiesced. If the shut off time has expired, the application is unquiesced (act **330**).